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For Governor,
JOHN W. GRIEKS.

Favoritism in Awarding Contracts.

When the last sewer contract was awarded to P. H. Harrison & Son a great many tax payers were at a loss to understand why it should not have been awarded to Henry M. Dowd, he being several thousand dollars lower than Harrison & Son. To this it was said that while the Dowd bid was in regular order, the bidder responsible and the prices much below the Harrisons, "the interests of the township" would be best served by giving the contract to them. Harrison's bid then for building sewers with 8 inch pipe was 45 cents per foot. Now he bids for the work on Belleville Avenue 75 cents per foot. His bid for 10 inch pipe over 8 inch is very small. Why then this large increase? Last year on Orange street where the conditions are about the same as exist on Belleville Avenue, the Harrisons laid a 10 inch sewer for 50 cents per foot. We do not wish to advise the Township Committee in this matter beyond what is plainly to the advantage of the taxpayers of Bloomfield, who will be called upon to pay their assessments for this work; but if a contract is awarded to the only bidder at this high price, the cost will be more than double what it should be. It is a serious question in view of the manner in which the sub-committee, engineer and counsel are handling this contract business, whether the assessments could be collected. The safe and straight road for the Township Committee to take is to reject this bid and re-advertise. And it should be done in a manner that will afford some inducement for other contractors to make estimates, and then let the contract go to the lowest responsible bidder.

Notes and Events.

One of the most enjoyable entertainments which has taken place in this town was given on Wednesday night in Central Hall. It consisted of stage pictures arranged by Miss Ida K. Hinds of New York assisted by the Cadet Corps. A quartette composed of Mr. Healey, Mr. Noble, Mr. Cook and Mr. Martin sang with Miss Schwartz, accompanist, many of the songs which were popular during the war, and Professor Busch's orchestra from Montclair played stirring national air. The vocal and instrumental music alone would have furnished a delightful entertainment, and when combined with the wondrously realistic tableaux all felt more than repaid for being present.

The cutout rose on a scene in the kitchen of a New England fair house in which the musical part was sung by Miss Elliott to the great pleasure of the audience. All of the pictures which followed were so good that it would be hard to know which to select for special mention. In some of the battle scenes the faces of several of our old soldiers who had been there were seen, making the pictures all the more real. In fact so vividly were incidents of the war brought back to the many old veterans who were present that most of them were deeply affected. But there were some humorous pictures as well as sad ones, and tears were quickly turned to shouts of laughter. Then the contraband's camp was shown and their dancing was received with applause.

The evening's entertainment closed with "Italy Round the Flag," sung by the quartette, and "our cadets" were seen surrounding the flag which was held by the Goddess of Liberty, represented by Miss Mabel Lee.

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The primaries for the election of delegates to the Democratic County Convention were held on Tuesday night. There was a small attendance and little interest taken, owing to the fact that there was but one ticket in the field in each ward. First Ward, Seymour P. Gilbert, B. N. Doob and Chas. L. Pilger. Second Ward, Wm. A. Baldwin, Wm. Kremrich and Tunis Garibaldi. Third Ward, Daniel J. Brady, Frank N. Umanage, Arthur Spragg, Glen Ridge, Edwin A. Rayner.

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